

Inter-Institutional Partnerships Bridging the Gap Between Health and Language

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Who We Are



Saint Louis University – A mid-sized Jesuit, research four-year university, with many allied health programs and a top-tier medical school.

- ~medical students facilitate programming
- ~undergraduate Spanish student interpreters



Goldfarb School of Nursing – Affiliated with Barnes Jewish Hospital and Washington University in St. Louis, serving undergraduate and graduate students.

- ~BSN students facilitate programming



KINGDOM HOUSE

Kingdom House – A social service agency near downtown St. Louis that provides a variety of services, including health and wellness programs.

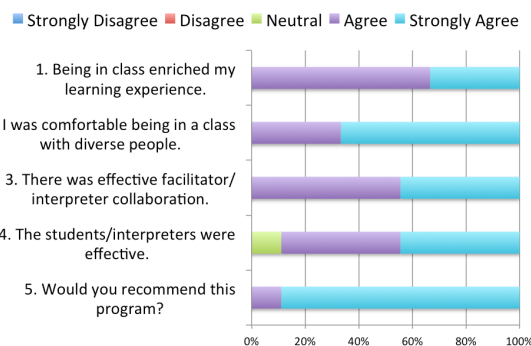
- ~diverse, low-income population, roughly 75% speak Spanish as their first language

Our Collaboration

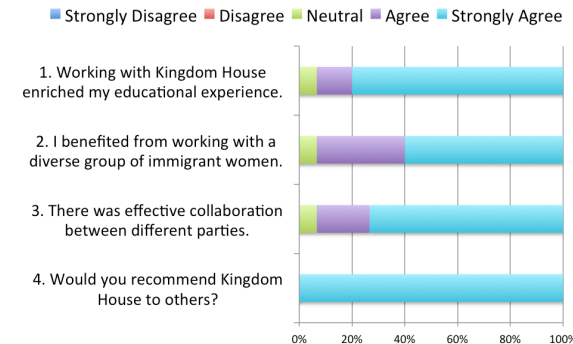


Feedback

Participants



Students



The students were sensitive to the diverse group of women they were working with.

We are grateful the students invested their time and talent with our organization.

The relationship we have built has remained sustainable as our programs develop and grow.

It is enabling me to become more culturally competent, which will be important in my future career.

This experience was extremely helpful because it shed light to the community needs and that many of them are neighbors with us.

I learned a lot about questions and misconceptions that the Latino community has around health concerns.

I am more aware of the daily struggles these women face and how this then impacts their health.

Lessons Learned

- The best collaborations happen organically – if academics are present in the community, valuable relationships such as this can form.
- Multi-institutional partnerships address a lack of human resources – combining skills, expertise, and resources increases effectiveness and efficiency.



- Building and maintaining trust is vital to working with vulnerable populations, which can be facilitated by a community ambassador.
- Various levels of students can be involved in the same program or opportunity, which only increases benefits to students and participants alike.